

## AT THE WHITE HOUSE

Another Candidate for District  
Commissioner.

NAME OF W. S. KNOX PRESENTED

the Matter Consideration.

A TALK ON POLITICS

The name of W. S. Knox was formally presented at the White House today as a candi-

Mr. Bulkeley presented some resolutions adopted by the Allied Printing Trade Council, and in a short speech eulogized Mr. Knox's qualifications for the position. He said that Mr. Knox had been a resident of the District thirty years, was a student of the law, and identified with the best interests of the city.

The President assured the delegation that he would give the matter consideration. He intimated that if any changes were made they would not take place until in May when the terms of the present Commissioners expired. He said that the President repeated no statement which could be interpreted one way or another.

**The President Talks Politics.**

President McKinley talked politics with several of his congressional colleagues this morning. He is keeping the political situation well in hand, and knows the developments in each state. His thorough knowledge of conditions at different points is wonderful, and his visitors usually marvel

Senator Foraker has returned from brief visit to Ohio, and gave the President his observation of affairs. "The remedy

"The party has never been better prepared for a fight. Our position on the Port Rican bill has done us no harm. On the

other hand, there is general satisfaction with the passage of the bill by the Senate. Sen. Foster says that the bill has been rapidly taken a prominent position in Congress, reviewed conditions in his state. The senator asserted that the outlook has never been better for republican triumph in the elections this year. The President would pick up the facts laid before him by Senator Foster.

Republican visitors from the various states who see the President with their congressmen make statements of the outlook which gratify the President. These statements are voluntary, as the President does not seek political conversations.

**For a Place in Porto Rico**

Senator Scott of West Virginia talks with the President about the institution of civil government in Porto Rico when Congress has acted in that direction.

Senator Daniel of Virginia saw the President this morning.

Senator Perkins was a visitor with several friends. So were Senators Cullum and Pritchard.

Senator Deboe saw the President secure an appointment in the commissary department of the army for K. J. Hampton of Kentucky.

Representative Curtis of Kansas introduced Capt. John Seaton of Atchison to

President. Capt. Seaton was in charge of Mr. Curtis' hard, but successful, fight for renomination, and from the first has led the fight in Kansas against the domination of Cyrus Leland, the republican national committeeman.

Senator Pritchard called on the President this morning to invite him to attend the annual celebration of the Mecklenburg declaration of independence at Charlotte, N. C. on May 20. The celebration this year will

be on a large scale, and it is the earnest desire of North Carolina people to have the President attend. He said that he would take the matter under consideration, and that it would give him pleasure to attend if he could do so.

**ACTION IN COMMITTEE.**

**Taking of Testimony Regarding**

When the Coeur d'Alene investigation was resumed today Representative Sulzer made an emphatic protest to what he character-

the investigating committee. At the last session the record of the "bull pen," giving the names of those imprisoned, was ordered printed. The record as printed today showed that a newspaper clipping pasted in the book also had been printed, giving a list of ringleaders in the miners' agitation and some 400 who had been indicted. Max Sulzer's motion to strike out this matter

Henry E. Howes, a business man in the Coeur d'Alene, not identified with either faction, was offered as a witness to show the neutral sentiment on the trouble. He was objected to, however, on the ground that he was a bitter opponent of mines.

he told of the disturbed conditions over a series of years, leading up to the blow up of Bunker Hill mill. The witness testified that he knew that members of the

miners' union were present when the mine was blown up. He saw and recognized some of the men on their way to the mine. Some of them applied to his store for ammunition. Part of his information was gained while a member of the grand jury.

**McKinley County, New Mexico.**

The House committee on territories today reported a bill disapproving the action of New Mexico in creating "McKinley county" on the ground that the locality lacked the population and business to warrant county status.

**RURAL FREE DELIVERY.**

**Growth of System Renders Two New Divisions Necessary.**

The rural free delivery system of the Po

Office Department has grown to such proportions that it has been found necessary to create two new divisions to properly handle it. An order signed by the Post

the eastern division, with headquarters in New York, including in its territory New England, New York and Pennsylvania, nine states, with Special Agent E. H. Hathaway in charge; the middle division, head-

and all states west to the Missouri and southern states down to and including Louisiana, with F. M. Dice in charge; the western division, comprising states west of the Missouri and Iowa to the coast, headquarters Denver, with Wm. E. Annin in charge.

southern states, headquarters at Wash-  
ton, with H. Conquest Clarke in charge.  
This order will go into effect May 1.